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In view of the above, if it is determined that non-discriminatory regulation must remain, then we cannot have regulations from both the FCC and the States or we will have the same chaos we have now. I and for one, who usually believes in government oversight. However, in this case, it's mandatory that the FCC take charge by reducing regulations and establishing fair and universal guidelines/pricing to facilitate an expedient recovery. This is especially urgent in the world we live in since 9-ll-01. We cannot afford to jeopardize our survival by continuing to destroy the communication system, we and the world depend on in these tremulous times.

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